

VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE
Minutes of the July 6, 2016 Board Meeting
Gifford Medical Center, Randolph, Vermont

Unapproved

1. Call to Order; Introduce New Members; Call the Roll; Acknowledge Guests:

Robert K. Hayward, MD, Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 12:21 P.M.

Members Present:

Richard Bernstein, MD; Michael Drew, MD; Faisal Gill; Patricia Hunter; David A. Jenkins; Leo LeCours; David Liebow, DPM; Christine Payne, MD; Harvey Reich, MD

Others in Attendance:

David Herlihy, Executive Director; Paula Nenninger, Investigator; Christiana Coyner, Board Investigator; Karen LaFond, Operations Administrator; Margaret Vincent, AAG; Kassandra Diederich, AAG

2. Public Comment:

None

3. Approval of Minutes of the June 1 and June 15, 2016 Board Meetings:

Mr. LeCours moved to accept the minutes of the June 1, 2016 meeting. Dr. Liebow seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

Dr. Drew moved to accept the minutes of the June 15, 2016 meeting. Mr. Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

4. Board Issues (Mr. Hoser):

Dr. Reich noted that Madeleine Mongan, Deputy Director Vice President of the Vermont Medical Society officially retired and suggested the Board issue a statement acknowledging her contributions and collaboration with the Board.

Dr. Reich made a motion to honor and thank Madeleine Mongan for her many years of service to the medical community of Vermont. Madeleine was invariably collegial, creative and constructive in all the many dealings she had with the Board of Medical practice on matters of interest to the medical community. Physicians, their patients and the Board all benefitted from Madeleine's contributions. Ms. Hunter seconded

the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

5. Administrative Update (Mr. Herlihy):

Mr. Herlihy informed the members that the presentation about the use of lasers for medical and medical/cosmetic purposes by Dr. Goldman, a UVMMC dermatologist, has been rescheduled due to the large number of members who were unable to attend this meeting. He hopes it can be rescheduled for September or October.

Mr. Herlihy noted he is crafting topics for discussion at the retreat in September. Ideas include a brief presentation from the Criminal Division of the AAG that would cover the referral process for prosecution of unlicensed practice or unprofessional conduct; a review of the Board Rules that are undergoing a re-write and will be submitted for formal Rule Review this fall; a discussion of the Reprimand process to reconsider whether there should be an option to create levels of a Reprimand in cases where the permanency isn't warranted. He welcomed other suggestions.

Mr. Herlihy advised that the annual newsletter is in the final stages with 7 articles, including CDC Prescribing Guidelines, Act 173 (S.243), Board statistics regarding investigations, changes to the law regarding acupuncture, an announcement from the Health Department's Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Programs on Substance Abuse in Older Adults, palliative care, and a story about NTSB Safety Announcements regarding the effects of opioids and health conditions on the ability to operate vehicles safely in transportation. The newsletter will go out later this month.

6. Presentation of Applications (12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.):

Applications for physician and physician assistant licensure, and certifications of radiologist and anesthesiologist assistants were presented and acted upon as detailed in Appendix A, incorporated by reference into these minutes.

7. Presentations to the Board (12:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.):

None

8. Recess; Convene hearing to discuss any stipulations or disciplinary matters that are before the Board (1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.)

- **In re: Pierre A. Delfausse, PA-C – MPN 035-0311 – Request for Relief from Conditions**

Ms. Diederich addressed the Board, summarizing the facts leading up to the Request for Relief from Conditions. Ms. Hunter made a motion to approve the

Request for Relief from Conditions. Dr. Drew seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: South Investigative Committee.

- **In re: Christine Mary Staats, MD – MPS 092-0616 – Cessation of Practice Agreement**

Ms. Diederich addressed the Board, summarizing the facts leading up to the Cessation of Practice Agreement. Mr. Gill made a motion to approve the Cessation of Practice Agreement. Mr. LeCours seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: South Investigative Committee.

9. Reconvene meeting; Executive Session to Discuss:

- **Investigative cases recommended for closure**
- **Other matters that are confidential by law, if any**

Dr. Reich made a motion at 1:06 p.m. to enter into Executive Session to discuss confidential matters related to investigations. Dr. Liebow seconded the motion. The motion passed: opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: none

10. Return to Open Session; Board Actions on matters discussed in Executive Session:

Dr. Liebow made a motion at 1:35 p.m. to return to Open Session. Mr. Gill seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: none.

Mr. LeCours, North Investigative Committee, asked to close:

MPN 167-1115 – Special Letter #1
MPN 075-0516 – Letter #1; Dr. Reich recused
MPN 072-0516 – Letter #1; Dr. Liebow recused
MPN 060-0216 – Letter #1
MPN 189-1215 – Letter #1

Dr. Drew made a motion to close the cases presented. Dr. Payne seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: 2 and North Investigative Committee.

11. Board Actions on Committee recommendations with regard to any non-confidential matters:

None

12. Other Business:

13. Upcoming Board meetings, committee meetings, hearings, etc.: (Locations are subject to change. You will be notified if a change takes place.)

- July 14, 2016, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 12 p.m., Vermont Department of Health, 108 Cherry Street, 3rd Floor, Conference Room 2C, Burlington, VT
- July 15, 2016, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, 9 a.m., Central Vermont Medical Center, Conference Room #2, Berlin, VT
- July 20, 2016, Board meeting on pending applications, 12:10 p.m., Board of Medical Practice office, 108 Cherry Street, 2nd, Floor Burlington, VT (and via telephone)
- July 20, 2016, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12:00 p.m., Asa Bloomer State Office Building, 4th Floor, Room #492, Rutland, VT
- August 3, 2016, Licensing Committee Meeting, 10:30 a.m., Gifford Medical Center, Red Clover Conference Room, Randolph
- August 3, 2016, Board Meeting, 12 p.m., Gifford Medical Center, Red Clover Conference Room, Randolph

14. Open Forum:

15. Adjourn:

Mr. Gill motioned to adjourn. Mr. LeCours seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: none.

Attachments: Appendix A

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. LaFond
Medical Licensing & Operations Administrator

APPENDIX A

Presentation of Applications

Dr. Hayward moved for the issuance of physician licenses and physician assistant licenses for:

Nikole Benders-Hadi, MD	Melanie Bui, MD	Meredith Collins, MD
Thanh-Thi Dang, MD	Kristen Daniels, PA-C	Tamsin Durand, MD
Krista Evans, MD	Jordan Ferrier, PA-C	Jacqueline Fournier Cook, PA
Fang-yun Gan, MD	Robert Gorski, MD	Roy Katzin, MD
Alan Kopp, MD	Shuang Li, MD	Alan Licup MD
Matthew Maeder, MD	Chiamaka Onyewuchi, MD	William Parks, MD
Lina Ramos, MD	Tatiana Sergeev, MD	Cullen Shipman, MD
Charles Trentham, MD	Mahmood Vaezzadeh, MD	Sarah Weidhaas, PA-C
Monika Zimna, MD		

Recommended by Mr. LeCours for licensure. Seconded by Dr. Bernstein. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: none.

Dr. Hayward moved for the issuance of Limited Temporary Physician licenses for:

Marie DeArmon, DPM	Omid Moghimi, MD	Therese Ray, MD
Gregory Rosic, MD	Stephen Winfield, MD	

Recommended by Mr. LeCours for licensure. Seconded by Mr. Gill. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: none.